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The President's Daily Brief

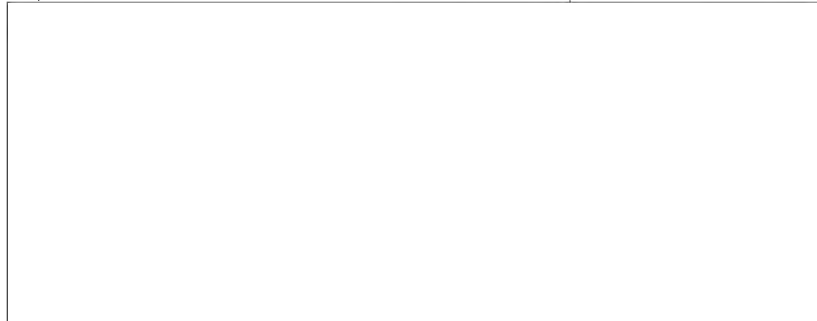
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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Vietnam



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2. Communist China

There are signs that the party Central Committee has recently been-- or still is--in session. Wall posters last weekend, for instance, claimed that the committee was meeting in an atmosphere of "struggle" over who will hold the positions of power.

The last regular meeting of the Central Committee was in August. However, in October--another period of confusion about the future of the Cultural Revolution--the committee held a [redacted] "work conference." The current meeting is probably similar.

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3. Zambia -
Communist China

Embassy Lusaka has word that Peking is dangling a \$17 million interest-free loan in front of the Zambian Government. This is big money for Kaunda and company, but they have not decided whether to accept. The embassy calls the offer a "definitive indication" that the Chinese see Zambia as a place of special importance.

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4. Brazil

The new government's go-slow attitude toward Latin American economic integration is the latest indication that its foreign policy will differ from its predecessor's in some respects. The number-two man in the Foreign Ministry has made it clear that the Costa e Silva government opposes the rigid time schedule--1980--for such integration. He said his government is not certain that this policy is favorable to Brazil's long-term interests; new markets would be small compared with the large Brazilian market.

The official also commented that many Brazilians were "somewhat disillusioned" by what they regarded as the small amount of additional US assistance envisioned in President Johnson's statement on 13 March.

5. Dominican Republic

The attempted assassination yesterday morning of right-wing political leader Antonio Imbert is bound to roil the political waters. The identity of the gunman who wounded Imbert is still unknown, but the government's involvement will surely be suspected. President Balaguer is personally directing the investigation. Reaction by both the right and left to what they will call "neo-Trujilloism" is likely to be both noisy and strong.

6. United Kingdom

7. Morocco

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8. Israel-Jordan

All United Nations Military Observers are back on alert as a result of growing tensions along the Jordan-Israeli border. King Husayn has repeated his warning that Israeli raids will force him to counter--no matter how suicidal this may be. The Israelis are aware of Husayn's position and are likely to be more cautious than in the past.

9. Indonesia

Ambassador Green notes that the crisis atmosphere has finally lifted. The new leaders have already become so engrossed in their planning that they seldom give Sukarno a backward glance.

The personal fortunes of the former Bung, however, continue to slip away. The in-group has now taken away his yellow presidential flag, his white helicopter, and even his uniforms. When last seen, Sukarno was bouncing about in a Volkswagen.

10. Sierra Leone

The chief of the army has moved in to prevent the new prime minister from taking office. This brought on angry demonstrations yesterday and more disturbances are likely today. In sum, a considerable period of instability seems to be in the cards for this West African member of the British Commonwealth.

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